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Dear CAOs/Clerks:

I am pleased to inform you that on December 7, 2017, the government of Ontario announced an expansion to the Ontario Naloxone Program to provide access to police and fire services.

The expansion will be to the Public Health Unit (PHU) Harm Reduction Program Enhancement, under which PHUs distribute naloxone to eligible community organizations.

Naloxone kits will be offered to interested police services, including municipal and First Nations police services as well as the Ontario Provincial Police. The kits will also be available to interested municipal full-time, composite, and volunteer fire departments, and all northern fire departments.

The intent of this expansion is to make naloxone available to police and fire services to prevent overdoses.

To enroll in this program, police and fire services will need to contact their public health unit, complete a form indicating their interest and enter into an agreement with their local PHU.

Police and fire services have received an All Chiefs Memo/Communique providing further details regarding enrolling in the program. Services will be eligible to order naloxone in early 2018.

For further information on the Ontario Naloxone Program, please visit the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care website at: <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/drugs/naloxone/>.

The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services is committed to keeping communities safe and working together with local partners.

Sincerely,

Matthew Torigian  
Deputy Minister of Community Safety  
Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

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